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REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is requested. The fees to be charged applicant are based upon applicant's assumption of entry of this preliminary amendment.

For the specification, applicant has amended the specification to indicate that the application is a United States National Stage patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/013354, filed September 14, 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-3773069, filed October 31, 2003.

For the claims, multiple dependencies were addressed.

The Patent Office is invited to contact the undersigned if there are issues with the preliminary amendment to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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